

REMARKS

Claims 114-164 are now pending in the application. Claims 163 and 164 are newly presented to provide the Applicant with a scope of protection commensurate with their contribution to the art. Support for the new claim can be found throughout the application, claims and drawings as originally filed and as such, no new matter has been presented.

NEWLY PRESENTED CLAIMS

Applicant notes that Claim 163 is directed to a fastener that includes a wing member, which terminates at a free end (opposite the end at which it is coupled to the generally U-shaped portion), the free end having a distal edge surface that is sloped relative to the flange of the fastener in a vertical direction so that a first lateral side of the distal edge surface is relatively closer to the flange in the vertical direction than a second opposite lateral side of the distal edge surface. Claims 164 depends from Claim 163.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that Claims 114-121 have been allowed.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and

favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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